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In re : Chapter 11

SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, et al., : Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)

Debtors. 1 : (Jointly Administered)

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION OF DEBTORS FOR ORDER SHORTENING NOTICE WITH RESPECT TO MOTION OF DEBTORS FOR ORDER (A) ENFORCING ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND AUTOMATIC STAY AGAINST TRANSFORM HOLDCO LLC AND (B) COMPELLING TURNOVER OF ESTATE PROPERTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the annexed motion ("Motion to Shorten") of Sears Holdings Corporation and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an order pursuant to Rule 9006(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure shortening the notice period and setting the date and time for a hearing on the Debtors' Motion to (A) Enforce Asset Purchase Agreement and Automatic Stay Against Transform Holdco LLC and (B) Compel Turnover of Estate Property (the "Motion to Enforce"), all as more fully set forth in the Motion to Shorten, will be held before the Honorable Robert D. Drain, United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, Courtroom 118, 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, New York, 10601-4140 (the "Bankruptcy Court") on March 21, 2019, at 10:00 AM (Eastern Time) ("Hearing").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any responses or objections (the "Objections") to the Motion to Enforce must be asserted in writing, conform to the Bankruptcy Rules and Local Rules, be filed with the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with the terms set forth in the Motion to Enforce, and be served in accordance with the *Amended Order Implementing Certain Notice and Case Management Procedures*, entered on November 1, 2018 (ECF No. 405), so as to be filed and received no later than March 18, 2019 at 4:00 PM (Eastern Time) ("Objection Deadline").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any objecting parties are required to attend the Hearing and failure to appear may result in relief being granted upon default.

Dated: March 11, 2019 New York, New York

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Debtors. ¹	:	(Jointly Administered)
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MOTION OF DEBTORS FOR ORDER SHORTENING
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TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Sears Holdings Corporation and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**"), respectfully represent as follows in support of this motion ("**Motion to Shorten**"):

Background

- 1. Beginning on October 15, 2018 (the "Commencement Date"), and continuing thereafter, each of the Debtors commenced with this Court a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Debtors are authorized to continue to operate their business and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. On October 24, 2018, the United States Trustee for Region 2 appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee"). No trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases.
- 3. The Debtors' chapter 11 cases are being jointly administered for procedural purposes only pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules").
- 4. Additional information regarding the Debtors' business, capital structure, and the circumstances leading to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases is set forth in the

^{(9616);} StarWest, LLC (5379); STI Merchandising, Inc. (0188); Troy Coolidge No. 13, LLC (None); BlueLight.com, Inc. (7034); Sears Brands, L.L.C. (4664); Sears Buying Services, Inc. (6533); Kmart.com LLC (9022); and Sears Brands Management Corporation (5365). The location of the Debtors' corporate headquarters is 3333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60179.

Declaration of Robert A. Riecker Pursuant to Rule 1007-2 of Local Bankruptcy Rules for Southern District of New York, sworn on October 15, 2018 (ECF No. 3) (the "Riecker Declaration").

Jurisdiction

5. The Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and the Amended Standing Order of Reference M-431, dated January 31, 2012 (Preska, C.J.). This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

Relief Requested

6. By this Motion to Shorten, the Debtors request entry of an order, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006(c), shortening the notice period with respect to the *Debtors' Motion to* (A) Enforce Asset Purchase Agreement and Automatic Stay Against Transform Holdco LLC and (B) Compel Turnover of Estate Property (the "Motion to Enforce"),² filed contemporaneously herewith, and setting the date and time for the hearing on the Motion to Enforce for March 21, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) ("Hearing"), the same time as Transform Holdco LLC's Motion to Assign Matter to Mediation ("Motion to Mediate") since they go hand in hand. The Debtors also request that objections to the Motion to Enforce be filed by March 18, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) ("Objection Deadline"), which is seven calendar days from the filing of the Motion to Enforce as required under the Amended Case Management Order.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Motion to Shorten shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Debtors' (I) Motion to (A) Enforce Asset Purchase Agreement and Automatic Stay Against Transform Holdco LLC and (B) Compel Turnover of Estate Property, and (II) Response to Transform Holdco LLC's Motion to Assign Matter to Mediation (ECF No. [♠]) and/or the Declaration of Robert A. Riecker Pursuant to Rule 1007-2 of Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (ECF No. 3) as applicable.

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7. A proposed form of order granting the relief requested herein is annexed hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "**Proposed Order**").

Relief Requested Should Be Granted

- Transform Holdco LLC (the "Buyer") to immediately turn over the \$57.5 million dollars of estate assets ("Estate Assets") improperly withheld by the Buyer in violation of the automatic stay and its contractual obligations under the Asset Purchase Agreement, dated January 17, 2019 (as amended or modified from time to time, the "APA"). As the Buyer is well aware, the improperly withheld Estate Assets are critical to, among other things, the Debtors' ability to pay post-petition obligations and timely file a chapter 11 plan. Despite the Debtors' repeated demands, the Buyer refuses to deliver these monies properly belonging to the Debtors and their Estates, putting at risk the entirety of the plan process for its own self-interest—an interest that directly violates this Court's Sale Order and the Bankruptcy Code's automatic stay. In addition, the Motion to Enforce shall properly be heard contemporaneously with the Buyer's Motion to Mediate. Although the matters identified in the Motion to Mediate are disputed and, in the Debtors' view unrelated to the \$57.5 million being withheld by the Buyer, the Buyer has conflated the issues.
- 9. Bankruptcy Rule 9006(c) provides that "when an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified time by these rules or by a notice given thereunder or by order of court, the court for cause shown may in its discretion with or without motion or notice order the period reduced." FED. R. BANKR. P. 9006(c).
- 10. For the reasons set forth herein, sufficient cause exists to shorten the notice period for a hearing on the Motion. Given the potential risks posed by the Buyer's improper

actions, as described more fully in the Motion to Enforce, the Bankruptcy Court should hear and decide upon the Motion to Enforce as soon as possible for the benefit of all creditors.

- 11. The shortened notice period requested herein is appropriate under the circumstances.
- 12. Based on the foregoing, the Debtors respectfully submit that cause exists to shorten the notice period with respect to the Motion to Enforce.

Notice

- 13. Notice of this Motion to Shorten has been provided in accordance with the procedures set forth in the *Amended Order Implementing Certain Notice and Case Management Procedures* (ECF No. 405) (the "Case Management Order"). The Debtors respectfully submit that no further notice is required.
- 14. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the Debtors to this or any other court.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request entry of an order granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as is just and appropriate.

Dated: March 11, 2019 New York, New York

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Exhibit A

Proposed Order

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Chapter 11

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Debtors.¹ : (Jointly Administered)

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ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR NOTICE OF HEARING WITH RESPECT TO MOTION OF DEBTORS FOR ORDER (A) ENFORCING ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND AUTOMATIC STAY AGAINST TRANSFORM HOLDCO LLC, AND (B) COMPELLING TURNOVER OF ESTATE PROPERTY

Upon the motion to shorten notice, dated March 11, 2019 ("Motion to Shorten"),² of Sears Holdings Corporation and certain of its affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of an order pursuant to Rule 9006(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") shortening

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the time for notice of the hearing to consider the Debtors' Motion to (A) Enforce Asset Purchase Agreement and Automatic Stay Against Transform Holdco LLC and (B) Compel Turnover of Estate Property (the "Motion to Enforce"), all as more fully set forth in the Motion to Shorten; and the Court having jurisdiction to decide the Motion to Shorten and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(a)–(b) and 1334(b), and the Amended Standing Order of Reference M-431, dated January 31, 2012 (Preska, C.J.); and consideration of the Motion to Shorten and the requested relief being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the relief sought in the Motion to Shorten having been provided in accordance with the Amended Order Implementing Certain Notice and Case Management Procedures (ECF No. 405), such notice having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion to Shorten establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and it appearing that the relief requested is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, creditors, and all parties in interest; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion to Shorten is granted.
- A hearing on the Motion to Enforce will be held on March 21, 2019, at
 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time).
- 3. All objections to the Motion to Enforce must be asserted in writing, conform to the Bankruptcy Rules and Local Rules, be filed with the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with the terms set forth in the Motion to Enforce, and be served in accordance with the *Amended Order*

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Implementing Certain Notice and Case Management Procedures, entered on November 1, 2018 (ECF No. 405), so as to be filed and received no later than March 18, 2019 at 4:00 PM (Eastern Time).

4. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order.

5. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and/or enforcement of this Order.

Dated:		, 2019
	White Plains,	New York

THE HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE